A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Supply of Electricity to the Villages in Tarikere Taluk in 1958-59.

*Q.—519. Sri T. R. PARAMESHWARIAH (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the number of villages that have been supplied with electricity since 1958 59 in Tarikere Taluk ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public works and Electricity).—Nil.

Introduction of N.E.S. Scheme in Hassan Taluk.

*Q.—523. Sri K. T. DASAPPA (Hassan).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they propose to introduce N.E.S. Scheme in Hassan Taluk this year ?

A.—Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Deputy Minister for Planning and Development).—

Hassan Taluk has not been allotted a Block from 1st April, 1959. The request will be kept in view and will be considered on merits at the time of next allotment of Blocks.

Veterinary Hospital to Darinayakana palya.

*Q.—606. Sri S. MUNI RAJU (Chikkaballapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government for opening a Veterinary Hospital at Darinayakanapalya in Gauribidanur Taluk ;

(*b*) the action taken by them in this behalf ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Food).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under examination.

MYSORE VILLAGE PANCHAYATS AND LOCAL BOARDS BILL, 1959.

(As reported by the Joint Select Committee.)

Motion to consider.

(Debate continued).

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Discussion will continue on the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Bill.

†Sri S. D. KOTHAVALE (Chikodi).—Article 40 of the Constitution speaks of the organisation of village panchayats and in the light of the directive principles in the Constitution I propose to consider the various provisions regarding the constitution of the Panchayats, their powers and functions, and substantial resources. With regard to recognition as a village panchayat the minimum population required as per the provision in the Bill is 1,500. I submitted yesterday that this is a very big number and it is necessary to reduce it to at least one thousand. The reason is this: as pointed out by me yesterday Panchayat and co-operative society are going to be two institutions on which the political economy of the country is to be based.

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It has been opined by experts on the subject that as far as possible a revenue village should be supplied with a panchayat and a co-operative society. But the question regarding financial viability has been raised. If a revenue village is a very small unit, with a population of 500 or less, it will not be possible to have financial viability for such a panchayat. Therefore we have to find a *via media*. I propose a population of one thousand would be a good number. There are many villages which have a population of 500 or less